

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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DEGENTESH et al.	)	Art Unit: 3767
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Serial No.: 10/718,260	)	Confirmation No.: 8140
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Filed: November 20, 2003	)	Examiner: MACNEILL, Elizabeth
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Title: MEDICAL CONTAINER LOADING )		Customer No.: 21140
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USE )		
WITH FLUID CONTAINERS, )		
SYRINGES AND MEDICAL )		
INJECTORS )		

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on August 23, 2006.

I. Restriction Requirement

The Requirement for Restriction required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following four (4) inventions: Claims 1-25 and 62-72, drawn to a wall-mounted filling station, classified in class 248, subclass 231.91 (Group I); Claims 26-56, drawn to a fluid filling station, classified in class 222, subclass 181.1 (Group II); Claims 57-58 (Applicants believe there was an inadvertent typing error in the Office Action indicating Claims 58-58), drawn to a method of dispensing, classified in class 222, subclass 1 (Group III); and Claim 59-61, drawn to a method of filling a syringe, classified in class 604, subclass 151 (Group IV).

The Restriction Requirement stated that Groups I, II, III and IV are distinct, each from the other and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-25 and 62-72) for prosecution on the merits in this application.

II. Election Requirement

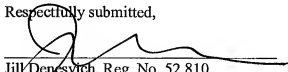
The Election Requirement required election of a single species from one of the following seven (7) species: The species of Figures 1, 2 and 3A-3E; The species of Figures 4A-4E; The species of Figures 5A-5I; The species of Figures 6A-6B; The species of Figures 7A-7C; The species of Figures 8-19; The species of Figures 20-26. The Election Requirement stated that the species are independent or distinct because they are not obvious variants and have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect.

In response to the Election Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the Species of Figures 8 – 19 for prosecution on the merits in this application. Claims 1-25 and 62-72 are readable on Figures 8-19.

If there are any outstanding issues that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (412) 767-2400 x3021.

Respectfully submitted,

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